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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

SERIAL NO.: 09/521,896

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FOR: DISK PROSTHESES FOR CERVICAL VERTEBRAE



GROUP ART UNIT: 3738

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This is responsive to the telephone calls made by Applicant's Legal Representative to the Examiner and her Supervisor on April 11, 2002 and April 10, 2002, respectively.

**REMARKS**

Further to Applicant's Response After Notice of Allowance (of March 20, 2002) the Examiner and her Supervisor were contacted by Applicant's Legal Representative to remind the Examiner that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on January 8, 2001.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and her Supervisor for assuring Applicant that the file for the application has been ordered and the IDS will be acknowledged as soon as the file is received by the Examiner.

As a reminder, in Applicant's Response After Notice of Allowance (of March 20, 2002), Applicant enclosed a true copy of the actual IDS filed on January 8, 2001, along with a copy of the actual filing receipt showing the stamped date of receipt of January 8, 2001. The Examiner was requested to initial Form PTO-1449, and send a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's Legal Representatives by mail, as soon as possible and not later than the publication of the letters patent.